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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No. : 10/689,342  
Applicant(s) : Ludwig Busam, et al.  
Filed : October 20, 2003  
Title : SELF-BONDED CORRUGATED FIBROUS WEB  
TC/A.U. : 1772  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 USC 121**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated November 2, 2004 subjecting pending claims 1-18 to restriction and setting a one month period for response. According to the Examiner, Restriction under 35 U.S.C. 121 to one of the following inventions is required.

Group I: Claims 1-14, drawn to a product, classified in class 428, subclass 182.

Group II: Claims 15-18, drawn to a process, classified in class 156, subclass 205.

The Applicants provisionally elect Group I, Claims 1-14, with traverse.

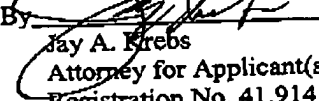
Applicants respectfully traverses this restriction requirement on the basis that the requisite serious burden on the Examiner set forth in MPEP §803 does not appear to exist. All of the groups relate to the same general subject matter, self-bonded corrugated fibrous webs. According to the Examiner, the product claimed in Group I can be made by a materially

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different process such as one that adhesively bonds the pattern lines. Applicant's respectfully disagree with the Examiner since the process claimed in claim 15 includes the step of "autogenously bonding" fibers of the corrugated web which is described in the specification at Page 13, lines 31-34, as bonding via melting through the impact of energy such as heat, and or pressure, or ultrasonic energy. Nowhere is "autogenously bonding" described as bonding with adhesives. In fact Webster's Third New International Dictionary defines autogenous as "union of parts or surfaces without the use of adhesives."

Consequently, reconsideration and withdrawal of the election requirement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,  
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